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The following observations were made at the Soviet medical depot on Bertinistrasse, Potsdam, between 10 August and 21 September 1951:

- 25X1 10 August. Passenger car [] left the depot.
- 25X1 11 August. Ambulances []
- 25X1 [] were parked in the restricted area. Sedan []
- 25X1 was towed by truck []
- 25X1 20 August. Twelve ambulances and 7 sedans stood in three sheds. Ambulance [] was being repaired at the repair shop. Large ambulance [] without motor, and ambulance [] were on blocks there.
- 25X1 22 August. 16 ambulances and 6 or 7 sedans were seen in the restricted area. Ambulance [] was greased in front of the repair shop. Truck [] entered the restricted area.
- 25X1 27 August. Four ambulances, which had hitherto been on blocks, were under repair. Sedan [] entered the depot.
- 25X1 4 September. 15 ambulances, 2 trucks and 3 sedans were at the depot. Four ambulances [] were under repair.
- 25X1 12 September. 16 ambulances, 3 sedans, 1 bus and trucks [] were seen at the depot. Two vehicle sheds were torn down.
- 25X1 12 September. 16 ambulances, [] 3 trucks, 6 sedans and 2 buses were seen. All except two vehicle sheds were torn down. Sedans [] were parked in front of the guardhouse.
- 25X1 21 September. 15 ambulances, 7 trucks, 3 sedans and 2 buses were noticed in the restricted area. Several vehicles were being greased.*

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25X1 * Comment. To date, it has been assumed that a medical equipment depot of the GCPG was on Bertinistrasse, Potsdam. However, this assumption was hypothetical since Medical Depot [redacted] was located there prior to its transfer to Puerstenwalde Galdrieden in August 1950. Unlike other medical depots in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the one in Potsdam has no longer been listed in reports on rail movements. Therefore it can be concluded that only small quantities of medical equipment are stored in Potsdam, if there are any stocks at all. The periodic observation of heavy traffic of ambulances tends to indicate that an ambulance transport unit, probably a battalion [redacted] is subordinate to the GCPG. All motor vehicles listed in the present report belong to the GCPG. No ambulance transport unit has to date been observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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